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DISTRIBUTION I BREZHNEV DISCUSSES HORN OF AFRICA PROBLEMS WITH SOMALI VI
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Attached is FBIS with a Moscow broadcast on the visit of Somali Defense Minister Samantar. He is shown being given highest level attention, but this is the first mention by the Soviets of Samantar's visit, although he has been in town a week. Suggests there have been tough talks, but that some things have been satisfactorily resolved.

(TEXT) LEONID ILICH BREZHNEV, CPSU CENTRAL COMMITTEE GENERAL SECRETARY, TODAY RECEIVED MOHAMED ALI SAMANTAR, SOMALI REVOLUTIONARY SOCIALIST PARTY CENTRAL COMMITTEE POLITBURO MEMBER AND FIRST VICE PRESIDENT OF THE SOMALI DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC, FOR A FRIENDLY TALK.

ALSO PRESENT WERE GROMYKO, CPSU CENTRAL COMMITTEE POLITBURO MEMBER AND USSR MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS, AND PONOMAREV, CPSU CENTRAL COMMITTEE POLITBURO CANDIDATE MEMBER AND CPSU CENTRAL COMMITTEE SECRETARY.

LEONID ILICH BREZHNEV AND MUHAMMAD ALI SAMATUR EXAMINED THEIR MUTUAL RELATIONS AND SOME INTERNATIONAL PROBLEMS REPRESENTING MUTUAL INTERESTS. THE PRINCIPAL POLITICAL LINE OF THE SOVIET UNION AND THE SOMALI DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC--DIRECTED AT DEVELOPING COOPERATION BETWEEN THEM IN VARIOUS SPHERES--WAS REAFFIRMED, AND THE DECISIVENESS OF BOTH SIDES TO EXTEND AND DEEPEN RELATIONS OF FRIENDSHIP AND MULTILATERAL COOPERATION BETWEEN THE SOVIET UNION AND SOMALIA, BETWEEN THE CPSU AND THE SOMALI REVOLUTIONARY SOCIALIST PARTY, WAS STRESSED.

IN THEIR DISCUSSION OF URGENT INTERNATIONAL ISSUES, PARTICULAR ATTENTION WAS ACCORDED TO PROBLEMS CONNECTED WITH THE SITUATION IN THE REGION OF THE HORN OF AFRICA. ANXIETY WAS EXPRESSED IN CONNECTION WITH THE ATTEMPTS BY IMPERIALIST AND REACTIONARY FORCES TO CREATE A NEW HOTBED OF INTERNATIONAL TENSION HERE.

LEONID ILYICH BREZHNEV AND MUHAMMAD ALI SAMATUR SAID THEY HOPED THE TALKS WILL HELP STRENGTHEN MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING AND FURTHER DEVELOPMENT OF FRIENDLY RELATIONS BETWEEN THE SOVIET UNION AND THE SOMALI DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC.

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